



**Fw: PLEASE READ topics for interview with Mother Jones reporter**

**Scott Downey** to: Mary Manibusan, Jill Bloom, Melanie Biscoe

08/24/2011 08:54 AM

Cc: Linda Liu, Kay Morrison

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Elizabeth has a meeting from 3-4 today, can we all meet today at 4:00 to walk through these questions with Mark, and then we can give the reporter a call?

Here are the topics from Lee van der Voo, Mother Jones:

How did EPA get involved in the issue - especially a time line. When did EPA learn about it, how long after that did the state get involved.

What is EPA's continued role?

What are the costs committed so far?

She said she understands Atrazine is going through a new review (or something of that nature) and wants to know how if at all that will impact this study

What other similar studies or other cases is EPA looking at, what else is like this study.

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Melanie Biscoe to: Scott Downey

08/24/2011 09:00 AM

Cc: Jill Bloom, Kay Morrison, Linda Liu, Mary Manibusan

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History: This message has been replied to.

Thanks for the heads up, Scott -

Usually our press contact in OPA is Dale Kemery, 202-564-7839, kemrey.dale@epa.gov. He is also active on the Sametime Contact list today.

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**Fw: Atrazine: Post-SAP language (cleared at OD level)**

Linda Liu to: Scott Downey

08/24/2011 10:25 AM

From: Melanie Biscoe/DC/USEPA/US  
To: Linda Liu/R10/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 08/24/2011 09:53 AM  
Subject: Atrazine: Post-SAP language (cleared at OD level)

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Linda,

Here is our post-July SAP DRAFT desk statement, which was cleared at the OD level and sent upward to the AA's office (and I don't know what happened from there, though I've asked... I would keep the written language INTERNAL for that reason, but feel free to use it for verbal discussion)... I added the last sentence in the statement (it wasn't in the original) because we are intending to have an SAP on atrazine and eco effects in 2012.

I bolded the really key statements below in terms of the timeline. Registration Review will commence in 2013 and take into account the SAP recommendations that have resulted from the re-evaluation... that's the basic message. If anything comes up about the recent SAP then you can have a little info ready.

Hope this helps a little. Let me know if you need anything else.

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DRAFT Desk Statement - July 26-28 Atrazine Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting

During the July 26-28, 2011 Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting the EPA sought advice from the Panel about the tools and approaches the Agency might use for its assessment of potential atrazine risks to human health. Topics discussed during the meeting included mode of action, cancer epidemiology, pharmacokinetics, sensitivity to infants and children, and drinking water monitoring. In general, the Panel concurred with the Agency's conclusions that the currently available data do not suggest that there is an enhanced sensitivity of infants and children to atrazine exposure. The Panel also discussed possible areas of improvement for the characterization of the hazard potential of atrazine and the integration of experimental toxicity and epidemiology data.

The Panel noted that epidemiological evidence from the Agricultural Health Study (AHS) and other published literature support EPA's conclusion that available studies are not sufficient to conclude that atrazine is a carcinogen in humans. In their most recent atrazine cancer evaluation AHS authors also conclude that, "Overall, there was no consistent evidence of an association between atrazine use and any cancer site. There was a suggestion of increased risk of thyroid cancer, but these results are based on relatively small numbers and minimal supporting evidence" (Beane Freeman L. E., et al. 2011; full article can be found at <http://ehp03.niehs.nih.gov/article/fetchArticle.action?articleURI=info%3Adoi%2F10.1289%2Fehp.1103561>). The Panel noted, however, the importance of continued evaluation of the cancer epidemiology literature in the future, with particular reference to those cancer types where there may be a suggestion of an association.

When the final SAP report is submitted within 90 days, the Agency will take this and previous Panel

recommendations into account as it updates the state of the science for the atrazine registration review in 2013.

In 2012, as part of its re-evaluation of atrazine, EPA plans to ask the SAP to review the Agency's evaluation of atrazine's potential effects on aquatic ecosystems.

Linda Liu

Hi Melanie: Hope you are doing ok. I saw the n...

08/24/2011 12:29:31 PM

From: Linda Liu/R10/USEPA/US  
To: Melanie Biscoe/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 08/24/2011 12:29 PM  
Subject: timeline for atrazine review and new labels?

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Hi Melanie:

Hope you are doing ok. I saw the news about the earthquake yesterday and the aftershock this morning. Hope everything is fine.

Scott Downey asked me to find out from you if there is a timeline for atrazine. I know that you indicated to me several months ago that risk management decisions will be made in the future. I guess Scott would like to know if EPA can share info about any timeline for decisions with reporter(s).

Thank you in advance!

**Linda**

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**Update from Gov 's meeting and Landowner meeting**  
**Jae P DOUGLAS** to: Scott Downey

08/24/2011 05:48 PM

History:

This message has been replied to.

Hi Scott,

I would be happy to connect with you all and fill you in on both meetings from today. My team is scheduled to huddle on Hwy 36 at 9:00 - any chance that would work for you all too?

Jae

Sept air sampling back on ?

Elizabeth Allen to: Scott Downey

08/25/2011 07:55 AM

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Hi Scott,

in my continuing research, I've managed to find a commercial source of passive samplers that use PDMS as the membrane separating the XAD resin from air. PDMS is polydimethylsiloxane, and is what lines the columns on gas chromatographs. It's not sensitive to moisture, and since we know how "soluble" each of the target compounds are in the PDMS, calculating the sampling rate should be straightforward. I'm going to have another conversation with Brian Boling today, and also contact the person at the Univ of Waterloo that developed the things. Lets wait until tomorrow to make a final decision. I'll recommend we proceed only if this turns out to be fairly straightforward, otherwise, we can wait until spring and make sure we've all the little details worked out.

Elizabeth





**9 AM call today**

**Sujata JOSHI** to: Elizabeth Allen, Scott Downey, Sheila Fleming,  
Richard Kauffman  
Cc: "Jae P DOUGLAS", "Sandra HEALY"

08/25/2011 08:43 AM

Hello,

Apologies for the extremely short notice, but Jae would like to debrief EPA and ATSDR R10 on her meeting at the governor's office yesterday. Please join us at 9AM. The call-in information is below.

Thanks!  
Sujata

Please use the call-in number and participant code for today's 9 am huddle.

Call-in number: 1-866-249-5279  
Participant code: 637998

For those of you that will be on the line here at PSOB, please use host code 364021.

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**Fw: topic areas for talk about Triangle Lake**

**Kay Morrison** to: Scott Downey, Sheila Fleming, Elizabeth Allen  
Cc: Mark Macintyre

08/25/2011 09:24 AM

Mark spoke with Lee yesterday and asked if her Friday deadline was hard and fast - she said it is.

She's especially interested in the Atrazine re-registration question, Mark is getting somebody in DC to field that.

I'll take a stab at writing up answers based on our conversation yesterday, and with Mark's assistance we'll get something for your review by COB today. That'll give Scott time tomorrow to review before we (or Marianne maybe) send them to Lee.

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Hi Kay,

Thanks for your help in organizing some interviews related to the Triangle Lake public health study.

The areas I would like to cover are these: I'd like a better understanding of how the study came about and how and when EPA became involved. I'd also like to know what the EPA's roll is in the investigation going forward, which agency will take the lead, and what EPA's financial commitments are to the process. Also, if we could talk generally about other similar studies or similar complaints about atrazine and 2,4 D around the country, that would be a help. I'd also like to know what the possible outcomes are for this process, including any possible impact on the atrazine or 2.4 D labels. My understanding is that atrazine is currently undergoing re-registry and that this inquiry could have an impact.

I hope that helps. Please do be in touch and let me know when we can talk.

Thanks again,  
Lee  
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